



Plant Resources

Soil Guide Pots & Baskets

Soil to some means whatever comes out of the ground, off the field or out of the garden plot. That sounds right for growing in the Earth, but it just doesn't work for growing in a container like a pot or a basket.

To the plant, the root system is just as important as the flowers, stems and leaves. For every part of the plant to work, the roots have to be happy and growing.

- Because the soil area is only as deep and wide as the pot itself, a different kind of soil is needed. Soils for containers have much more air space, so that even when they are wet there is breathing room for the root system.
- We use and sell soils that have pine bark, peat moss and perlite (the little white pebbles). These combine to form nooks and crannies that allow air to stay in the mix. At the same time, this mix will hold water and fertilizer. Balancing air-water-fertilizer is why the right soil for containers is important

Some of our favorite soil mixes include the brands ProMix and Coast of Maine.



We use truckloads of manufactured soil for our crops. You probably won't need that much. Here are some estimates of how much soil you might need for your pots and baskets.

Diameter	# of pots you can fill from a 2.8 cu. ft. bag	# of pots you can fill from a 12 quart bag	# of pots you can fill from a 1.3 cu. ft. bag
4.5" square deep	84	14	45
6" pot	50	8	10
8" pot	19	3	10
10" pot	11	2	6
12" pot	5	1	3
14" pot	2	0	2
10" hanging basket	14	2	7
12" hanging basket	8	1	4
14" hanging basket	2	0	2



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